

Mont. 17-41-9

Coate's Family Houses (Sites)
Poolestown Vicinity
Private

c. 1879
c. 1902

A large, two story log house with two rooms up and two rooms down was built on this site in c. 1879 by Lloyd Coates, Sr., a former slave. In c. 1902 his son began construction of a two story frame house of the type popular among Black landowners of that era. The two houses illustrate the shift from home-made houses constructed by the community to frame dwellings made of purchased materials and constructed by hired carpenters, a shift occurring especially near the turn of the century.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Coates' Family House(Two Sites)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North side of Sugarland Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

VICINITY OF (Sugarland)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
Montgomery**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☒ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Eugene B. Casey

Telephone #: 948-6500

STREET & NUMBER

600 South Frederick Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Gaithersburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 20760**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Courthouse-land records

Liber #: 2472

Folio #: 388

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE
Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☒ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

According to Tilghman Lee, Lloyd Coates, Sr. was one of the "old slave-time people", who was among the first of the black landowners of Sugarland. This is supported by land records, which shows Coates' wife Maria purchasing this tract in 1879 from Jane Pleasant whose residence is shown in the Hopkins' Atlas of 1879, Medley District, near the present day Sugarland community.

On this property Coates built a log house. Though it is not exactly remembered by Tilghman Lee, he thinks it resembled the two story, four room house of the Taylor family on the adjacent tract. This seems plausible.

Coates' son, Lloyd Coates, Jr. worked as a tenant farmer on the "Lewis place" near Darnestown. He purchased the property on which his tenant house stood. Afterwards, he inherited his parents' property in 1902 in Sugarland, on which stood this log house. Since he preferred a larger dwelling, he tore down the log house and constructed a two story, frame dwelling with maybe four or five rooms, Lee recalls. However, Coates, Jr. had not included his wife Susan in his plans, and she refused to move from the property near Darnestown to this farm in Sugarland. Sugarland was at that time far less accessible than today, Lee explains, and she probably preferred to live closer to the larger community of Darnestown.

Coates family did not move to Sugarland, and the large house stood vacant and gradually deteriorated until it was torn down by the Umsteads who purchased the property from Susan Coates after Lloyd's death.

Thus there were a log house and a frame one built on this property, and they represented the types built by succeeding generations in the last quarter of the 19th century.

Note: Interview with Tilghman Lee
Sugarland Lane
Poolesville Vicinity
301-972-8454
By George McDaniel

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1879 c. 1902 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These two houses of the Coates family represent the transition in housing that often occurs in a frontier settlement: first the log house was built, and as the family became more prosperous, a larger and more commodious frame dwelling was constructed. However, a smooth transition in this housing was called to an abrupt halt by Lloyd Coates Jr's wife, who was an example of at least one woman in that era who refused the Old Testament addage, "Whither thou goest, I wilt follow".

The U.S. Census for 1870 for Montgomery County lists Lloyd (age 35) with wife named Maria. It lists their children as Lloyd (age 4) and Margaret (age 10). This confirms Tilghman Lee's account that there were Lloyd Coates Sr. and Jr. Interestingly, the occupations of Lloyd & Maria Coates were listed as "keeping house"; it is odd that he was not listed as a farm worker or engaged in another occupation.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records, Rockville Courthouse
Oral Interview, Tilghman Lee
U.S. Census, 1870

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

July 1978

Assistant

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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Jane Pleasants

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SITE: Lloyd Coates house site

LOCATION:

OWNER'S NAME: E. B. Casey

ADDRESS: 600 So. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, Md. 20760

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PROPERTY MAP: C551 p. 167

ACREAGE: 10 ac.

L/F: 2472/388

HISTORY:

1) GRANTOR: Harold C. Smith

GRANTEE: Eugene B. Casey

DATE: 1958

ACREAGE: 10 ac.

MISC.:

2) GRANTOR: Maurice A. Umstead

GRANTEE: Harold C. and Anne F. Smith

DATE: 1947

ACREAGE:

MISC.:

L/F 1082/441

3) GRANTOR: Susan E. Coates

GRANTEE: Maurice Umstead

DATE: 1937

ACREAGE: 10

MISC.:

L/F 669/363

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HISTORY CONTINUED

SITE: Lloyd Coates house site

4) GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE:

ACREAGE:

MISC.: Susan rec'd land from her deceased husband
Lloyd Coates, who rec'd land from his parents
Lloyd and Maria Coates, 1902 4F T D 22/358
(no "Being" clause). Lloyd and Maria Coates are

GRANTOR: not listed as grantees of deed records; nor is

GRANTEE: there a "being" clause in transfer of
property for Lloyd and Maria to their son,
Lloyd Jr.

DATE:

ACREAGE:

MISC.:

JA 42/248

5) GRANTOR: Lloyd & Maria Coates

GRANTEE: Lloyd Coates Jr

DATE: 1902

ACREAGE:

MISC.:

4/F: 2 T D 22/358

GRANTOR: Jane Pleasants

GRANTEE: Maria ~~Maria~~ Coates

DATE: Sept. 1879

ACREAGE:

10 acres

4/F: E.B.P. 21/341

MISC.:

1870

NAME: Lloyd Coates -

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AGE/D.O.B.: 35

WIFE: Maria - Keeping house

CHILDREN: Lloyd 4
Margaret 10

OCCUPATION: Keeping house

1880

AGE/D.O.B.

WIFE:

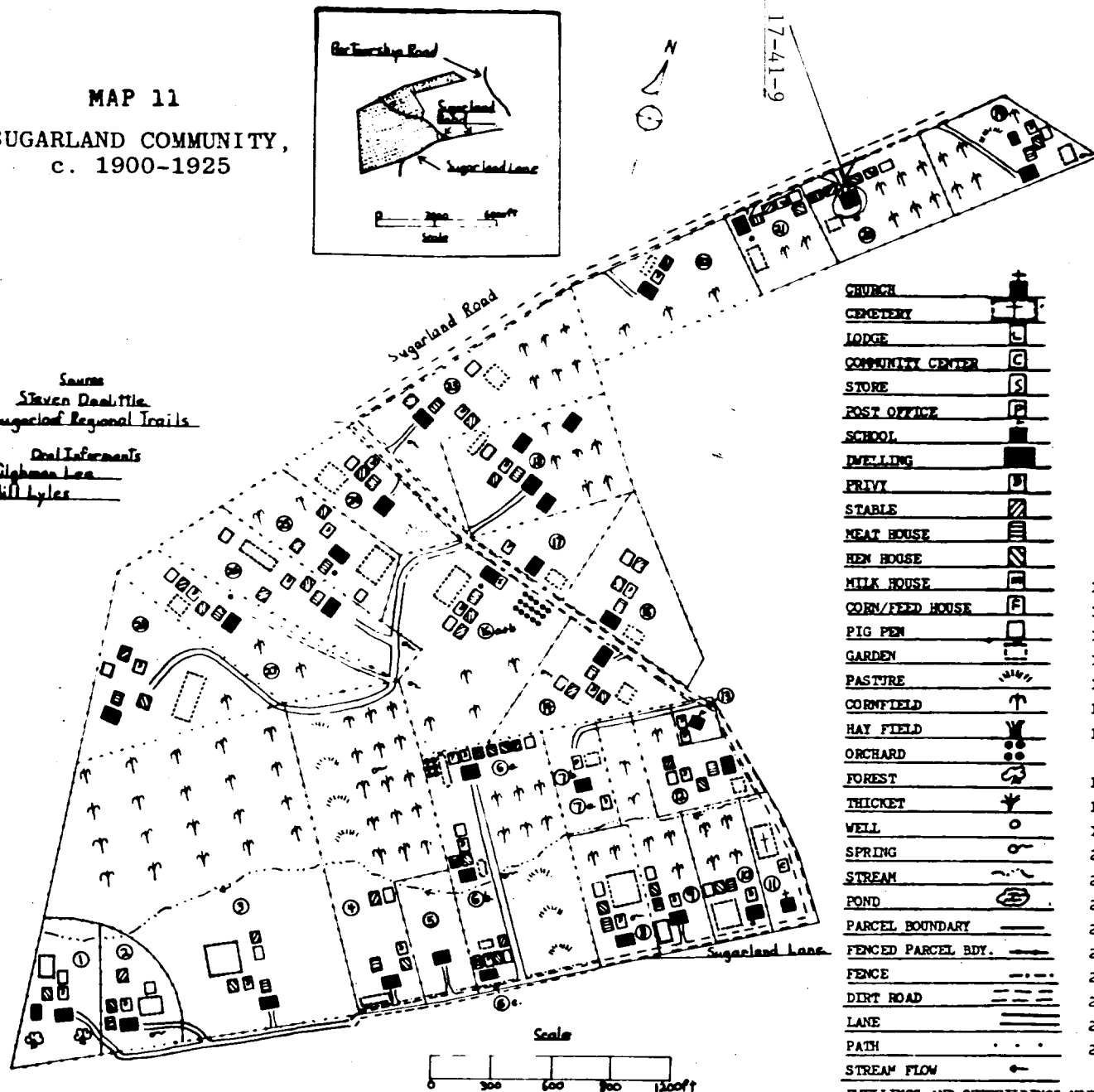
CHILDREN:

OCCUPATION:

MAP 11
SUGARLAND COMMUNITY,
c. 1900-1925

Sources
Steven Daulton
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Oral Informants
Tilghman Lee
Bill Lyles

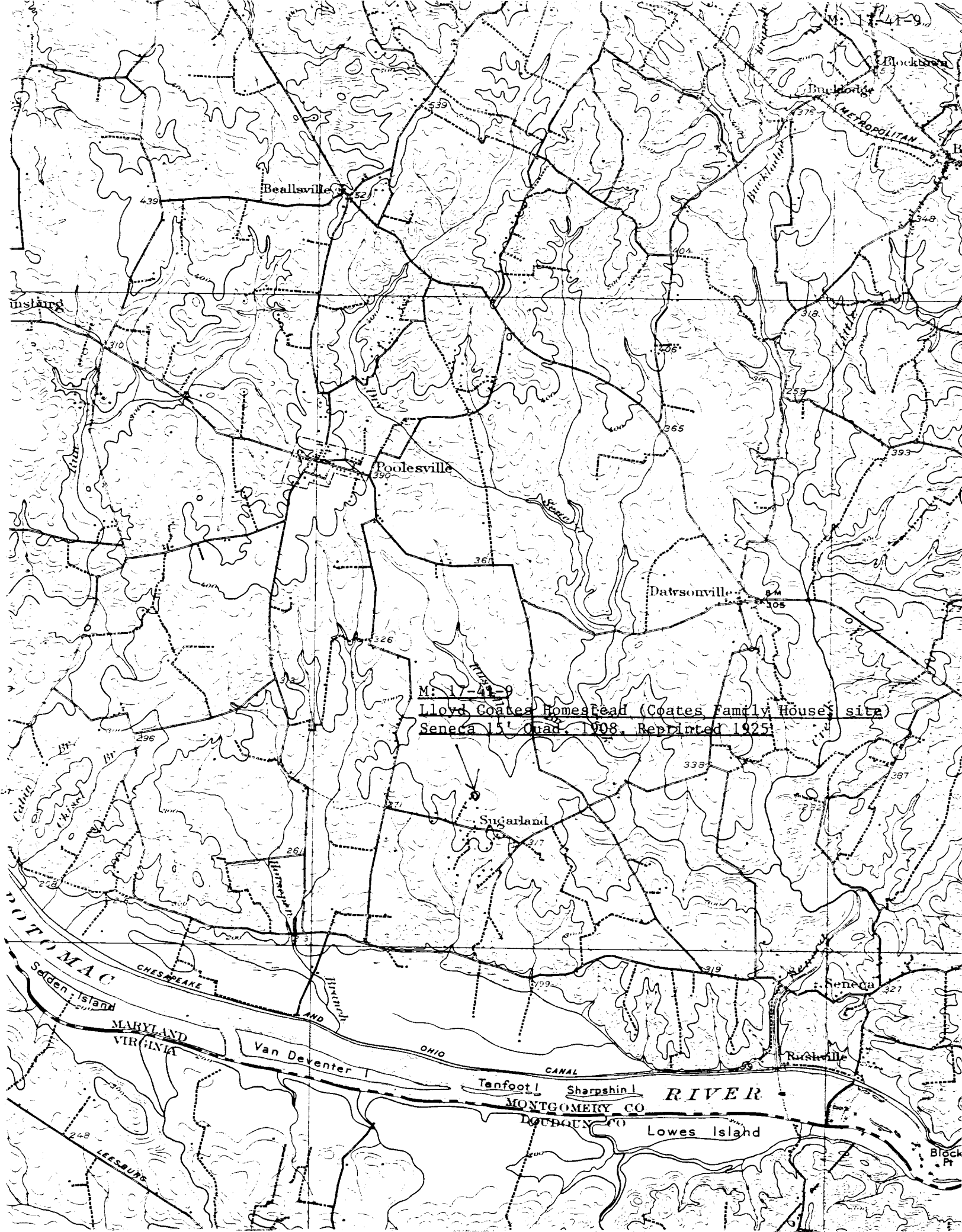


Key

CHURCH	+
CEMETERY	⊕
LODGE	⌂
COMMUNITY CENTER	Ⓢ
STORE	Ⓢ
POST OFFICE	Ⓢ
SCHOOL	Ⓢ
DWELLING	Ⓢ
PRIVY	Ⓢ
STABLE	Ⓢ
MEAT HOUSE	Ⓢ
HEN HOUSE	Ⓢ
MILK HOUSE	Ⓢ
CORN/FEED HOUSE	Ⓢ
PIG PEN	Ⓢ
GARDEN	Ⓢ
PASTURE	Ⓢ
CORNFIELD	Ⓢ
HAY FIELD	Ⓢ
ORCHARD	Ⓢ
FOREST	Ⓢ
THICKET	Ⓢ
WELL	Ⓢ
SPRING	Ⓢ
STREAM	Ⓢ
POND	Ⓢ
PARCEL BOUNDARY	Ⓢ
FENCED PARCEL BDY.	Ⓢ
FENCE	Ⓢ
DIRT ROAD	Ⓢ
LANE	Ⓢ
PATH	Ⓢ
STREAM FLOW	Ⓢ

1. JAMES BECKWITH HSTD.	3.00 AC.
2. TILGHMAN BECKWITH HSTD.	4.00 AC.
3. JOHN ADAMS HSTD.	18.00 AC.
4. LEWIS GARNETT HSTD.	14.00 AC.
5. PETER JACKSON HSTD.	3.00 AC.
6a. PATRICK HERRON HSTD.	17.00 AC.
b. LUKE HERRON HSTD.	
c. ROBERT HERRON HSTD.	
7a. NATHAN JOHNSON HSTD.	3.00 AC.
b. POST OFFICE	
8. JOHN HIGGINS HSTD.	4.00 AC.
9. JOE CURTIS HSTD.	6.00 AC.
10. EASIL DORSEY HSTD.	4.00 AC.
11. ST. PAUL'S M.E. CHURCH	1.00 AC.
12. HORACE JACKSON HSTD.	2.00 AC.
13. SUGARLAND SCHOOL	1.00 AC.
14. SAM BEANDER HSTD.	5.00 AC.
15. THOMAS NICHOLS HSTD.	10.00 AC.
16a. BENJAMIN SPARROUCH HSTD.	14.75 AC.
b. SUGARLAND STORE	
17. CHARLES JACKSON HSTD.	4.50 AC.
18. LUKE LYNCH & FAMILY HSTD.	10.00 AC.
19. WILLIAM TAYLOR HSTD.	3.00 AC.
20. LLOYD COATES HSTD.	4.00 AC.
21. SAMUEL JOHNSON HSTD.	4.00 AC.
22. JOHN DIGGS HSTD.	4.00 AC.
23. JOHN BRANISON HSTD.	11.00 AC.
24. RAF BRANISON HSTD.	6.00 AC.
25. PHILLIP JOHNSON HSTD.	6.00 AC.
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27. SAMUEL LEE HSTD.	5.00 AC.
28. LEVI HALL HSTD.	10.00 AC.

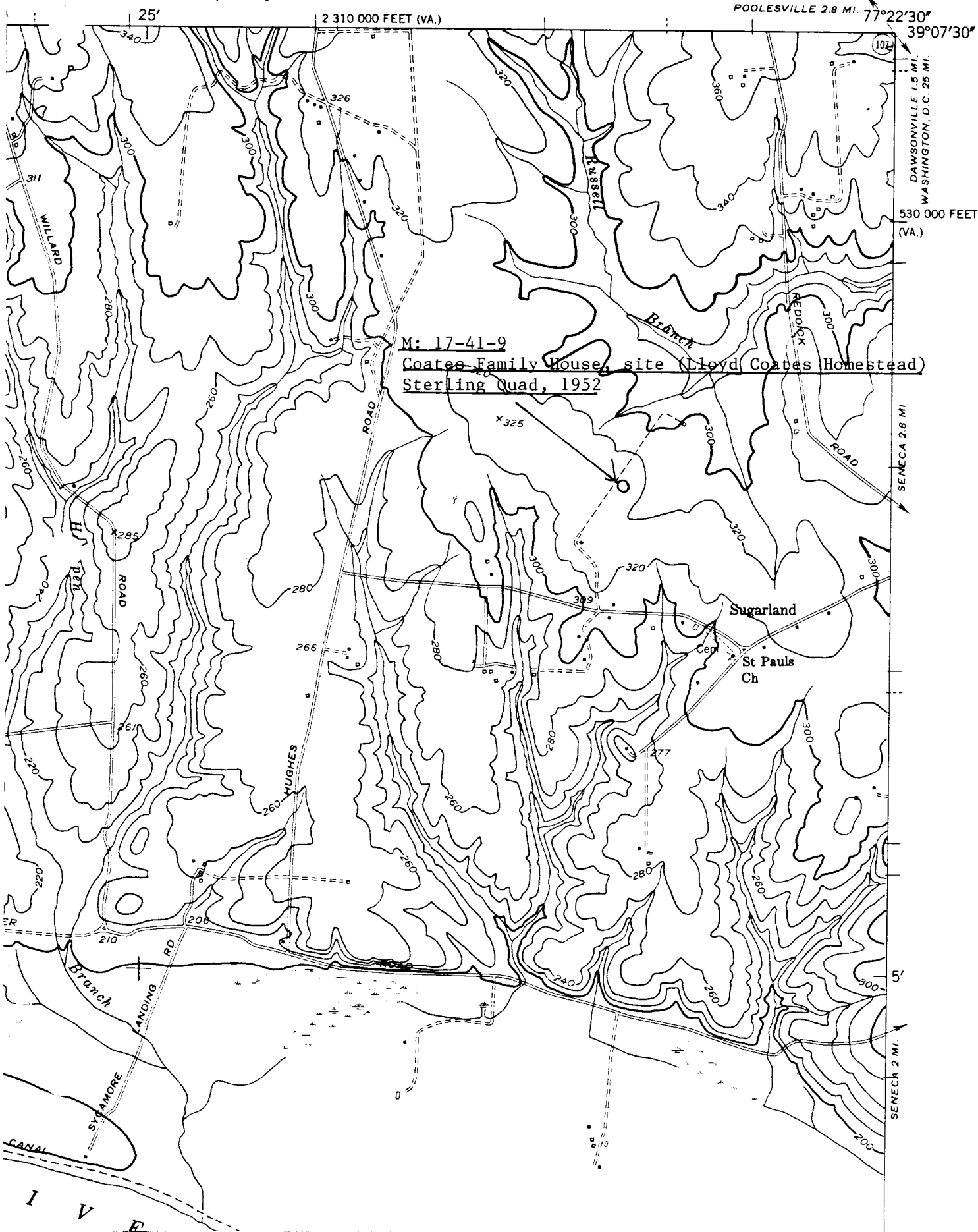
DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE
HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY



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Lloyd Coates Homestead (Coates Family House site)
Seneca 15' Quad. 1908. Reprinted 1925

STERLING QUADRANGLE
VIRGINIA-MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 SENECA 15' QUADRANGLE



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SW/4 SENECA 15' QUADRANGLE

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5562 III NE
(GERMANTOWN)

291 25' 2 310 000 FEET (VA.)

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POCLESVILLE 3 MI 77° 22' 30"

39° 07' 30"

DAWSONVILLE 1.5 MI
WASHINGTON D.C. 25 MI

530 000 FEET
(VA.)

4332

4331

4330

4329

5'

SI SENECA 19 MI

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Coates Family House, site (Lloyd Coates Homestead)
Sterling Quad, 1968

